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1. The Erfurt Railroad Directorate issued an order concerning a new inventory of four and multiple-axle flatcars to be made on 19 May 1950. (1)
2. The inventory revealed that the following flatcars were available at the railroad repair shops:

Erfurt Railroad Repair Shop

- 15 SS type cars (good, serviceable)
- 25 SSK type cars (good, serviceable)
- 30 SSL type cars (of category G 1, minor defects, but serviceable)

Gotha Railroad Repair Shop

- 25 SSL type cars (good)
- 40 SSK ra type cars (good)
- 20 SSK ra type cars (of category G 1, minor defects, but serviceable)

Gotha Railroad Car Factory, formerly Mitropa Railroad Car Construction

- 30 SSK type cars (good)
- 20 SSK ra type (good)
- 50 SSK ra type cars (of category G 1, serviceable)

Meiningen Railroad Repair Shop

- 15 SSK type cars (good)
- 20 SSK ra type cars (good)
- 15 SSY ra type cars

Heideisdorf Railroad Repair Shop, near Erfurt

- 10 SSK type cars (of Category G 3, serviceable, only side walls need repair)
- 20 SSK ra type cars (good). (2)

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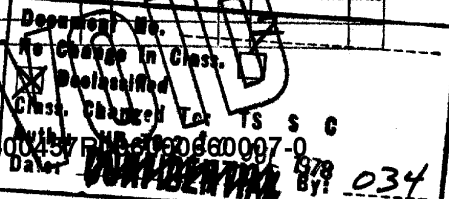
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3. There are 500 SSL r type cars nearing completion in the Bautzen, Berlin, Halle and Magdeburg railroad repair shops. These cars are serviceable, but the bodies must still be mounted on the chassis. They will be completed in a maximum of 4 weeks. (2)
4. Damaged flatcars available in the entire Soviet Zone of Germany, exclusive of Berlin, include the following:
  - 235 cars of category G 1, serviceable in spite of minor damage
  - 123 cars of category G 2, inspection of axle boxes is required, but otherwise serviceable
  - 115 cars of category G 3, serviceable in spite of conspicuous deficiencies
  - 95 cars of category G 4, serviceable when unloaded, damaged platform
  - 75 cars of category G 5, not usable; serviceable only after thorough overhaul.
 In addition to these damaged cars, 112 SSmy type cars with a load capacity of 90 to 100 tons, and 87 SSmy type cars with a load capacity of more than 100 tons are available. (2)
5. The total number of four and multiple-axle flatcars circulating in the Soviet Zone of Germany, including those under repair, was estimated to be 1,400 units. (3)
6. All flatcars built after 1945 are fitted with exchangeable wheel sets. (4)

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Comments.

- (1) After the four-axle and multiple-axle flatcars and deep-gondola cars available to the Soviet Zone of Germany railroads were first counted on 14 March 1950, the available stocks of this type car were again counted on 19 May 1950. See [REDACTED] 25X1A  
This is an indication both of the shortage of these cars and of the great interest of the Soviets in flatcars suitable for the shipment of tanks. See Annex for photostat of the original order.
- (2) Although these figures represent only partial results, they are nevertheless significant. Explanation of symbols:
  - SS - four and multiple-axle flatcars of more than 30 tons capacity
  - SSK - Shorter than 18 meters
  - SSL - Longer than 13 meters
  - SSY - Deep-gondola cars
  - ra - Exchangeable wheel sets (usable for standard and Soviet gauge), detachable brakeman's cabin
  - rs - Wheel sets exchangeable, cars can be used in trains running at a speed of 90 km/h
  - G1 to G-5- Damaged cars, the figures 1 through 5 indicating the degree of the damage (1 - slight damage, 5 - serious damage)
- (3) The estimate of source agrees with available information. The official records of 30 June 1948 indicate that there were the following stocks of flatcars:
 

Serviceable	1,025 cars
Slightly damaged	253 cars
Heavily damaged	193 cars
Total:	1,471 cars

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- (4) It seems credible that new cars are fitted with exchangeable wheel sets. It is possible that after 1950 the flatcars were built according to the modern plans which permit a shifting of the wheels. See SO-44234x.

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